

Education and training are key to achieving the 'Europe 2020' goals

Vocational Education and Training (VET) plays a key role in providing the skills, knowledge and competences needed in the labour market. It is therefore essential that the European Commission continues to act together with Member States to strengthen the provision of VET across Europe. A requirement of this process has been the development of common European frameworks and tools to enhance the transparency and recognition of what learners have achieved abroad.

Linked European Initiatives to support ECVET

ECVET forms part of a range of European initiatives to strengthen and help to make European mobility a reality for many more people. Other initiatives linked to support ECVET are:

[EQF](#) - a reference framework that acts as a translation device comparing qualifications and levels across Europe

[EQAVET](#) – a European Quality Assurance Reference Framework for VET. It aims to promote mutual trust and understanding across European VET systems and providers by promoting transparency and intelligibility in the practice of quality assurance.

[Europass](#) aims to make skills and qualifications clearly and easily understood in Europe - whether enrolling in an education or training programme, looking for a job, or getting experience abroad

[ESCO](#) (European Skills, Competences and Occupations) in Europe aims to link the national data systems describing the occupations in the national labour markets and the skills and competences needed for jobs